



YOUTH BASKETBALL GENERAL INFORMATION

It is our goal to provide an opportunity for children to play in an organized recreational Youth Basketball League. We teach the basic rules, strategies and skills involved in playing basketball. We also encourage good sportsmanship and fair play.

FORMING TEAMS

Recreation League			
Division K	Kindergarten	Division 5	Fifth Grade
Division 1	First Grade	Division 6	Sixth Grade
Division 2	Second Grade	Division 7	Seventh Grade
Division 3	Third Grade	Division 8	Eighth Grade
Division 4	Fourth Grade		

Open League	
Open 6	Sixth Grade
Open 7	Seventh Grade
Open 8	Eighth Grade

All participants are separated by grade level, then by school, or geographic location. **There are no requests for coaches.** If there are not enough players from your school, they will be combined with a neighboring school that is also short of players. Once coaches receive their rosters, they will contact you. In the Open League Divisions 6, 7 and 8, volunteer coaches may bring in a team as long as all of the players on the team attend the same school – **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

COACHES

Volunteer Head Coach positions are limited to one per team. If you wish to volunteer, you must complete a Volunteer Coach's Application online at <http://www.torranceca.gov/VolunteerProgram.htm>. You will need to go to Human Resources, 3231 Torrance Blvd., and pick up a Volunteer Fingerprint Request Form that must be completed prior to the start of the season. City policy requires volunteers to be fingerprinted annually. Volunteer coaches will receive a refund of the activity fee upon return of their equipment at the end of the season.

All of our basketball coaches are volunteers taking their time to make this a good experience for everyone participating. Coaches should make their phone number and email available to you. They should keep you informed of practice times and locations, as well as game schedules. Practices will be held during the week. Coaches should remain at the designated practice location until all players are picked up. You **must** pick up your child in a timely manner. Consistent tardiness will not be tolerated.

AWARDS

Every participant registered in the program will receive an award at the end of the season.

REFUNDS

There will be **NO** full refunds given. 80% refunds will be considered **ONLY** if requested **PRIOR** to January 9, 2014.

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Games are tentatively scheduled to begin, Saturday, January 11, 2014. Games will be held on Saturdays either at Wilson Park Sports Center, 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., or at a local Torrance High school, with the exception of Division 8, who will play either Monday or Thursday evenings. **Please note:** Game times and locations are subject to change.

New Parent Meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 Kindergarten through Third 6:00pm to 7:00pm and Fourth through Eighth grade 7:30pm.

Again, the entire youth sports program is set up for a positive experience. Most information about our programs can be found by going to our website, <http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/parks/1478.htm>. If you have a concern or need assistance, please do not hesitate to call the Youth Sports office at (310) 781-7515.



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PARENT PLEDGE

- I pledge to be on time when dropping off my child for a practice or game. I understand that it is embarrassing for my child to be late to a game or practice. I understand the importance of picking up my child on time after all games and practices. This shows respect for the coach, who has other commitments, and it tells my child that he/she is my top priority.
- I understand that the top three reasons kids play sports are to have fun, make new friends and learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the kids and that I will encourage my child to have fun and keep the sport in its proper perspective. I understand that the athletes do their best when they are emotionally healthy, so I will be positive and supportive.
- I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game and that people learn from their mistakes. I understand that all children are born with different abilities and that the true measure is not how my child compares to others, but how he/she is doing in comparison to his/her best self.
- I understand the importance of setting a good example of sportsmanship to my child. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the game. This includes the coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans and officials. I understand that these people may make mistakes. If the officials make a "questionable call", I will continue to respect the individual and be silent.
- I understand that games can be exciting times for my child, who is trying to deal with the fast-paced action of the game, respond to opponents, officials, teammates and listen to coaches. I will not add confusion by yelling out instructions. During the game, I will limit my comments to encouraging my child and players for both teams.
- I will not make negative comments about the game, coaches, officials or his/her teammates in my child's presence.
- I agree to honor this Parent Pledge in my words and actions.

By registering your child, you are agreeing to the terms of this Parent Pledge as it is presented to you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Youth Sports Office.